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Half-Witted Is Murderer

David Curtis Tells Story of the Mur-
der of Dona Gilman to
Authorities.

THEN CRIES LIKE A CHILD.

Many of Those Who Knew Him Do
Not Believe He Was Really
Connected With the Crime.

[By Associated Press.]
DAYTON, O., Dec. 7.—"Yes, I did
it. I am the murderer of Dona Gil-
man."

David Curtis made the above con-
fession to County Detective McBride,
Coroner Kline, Detective Coleman,
of the Pinkerton agency, and the
Prosecuting Attorney Nevin in the
office of the latter this morning.

The statement of Curtis as given
the authorities follows:

"On the evening of Nov. 20 I ate
supper in the Cadillac restaurant,
on Fifth street, near Brown. Just
as I came out I saw Dona Gilman
waiting for her car, and I also
boarded the westbound Fifth street
car at National and Groveland ave-
nues. I alighted shortly after this
car started up the hill and she took
the west side of the street.

"I followed her up the hill and
committed the assault."

After the confession Curtis cried
like a child. He was questioned
closely as to the truth of his story,
and declared positively he was the
murderer.

Curtis is 27 years old and earned
a precarious living by selling news-
papers, etc. He is half-witted and
at times labored under delusions.

Many of those who know him be-
lieve his story is purely the result
of his disordered imagination and
that he really has no connection
with the crime.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELD ANNUAL ELECTION

Clarksburg Council of the
Knights of Columbus held a large
and enthusiastic meeting in the
Eagle hall Thursday night. The
feature of the meeting was the an-
nual election of officers. The elec-
tion resulted as follows:

T. W. Ward, grand knight.
James P. Moran, deputy grand
knight.

W. Roy Byrd, chancellor.
James T. Keenan, recording sec-
retary.

T. M. Donahoe, financial secretary.
John J. Elwood, lecturer.
Dr. John P. McGuire, advocate.
William M. Mulheran, warden.
Daniel P. Mulheran, inside guard.
B. D. White, outside guard.
E. S. Boggess, trustee for three
years.

Ten or twelve members will leave
Saturday evening on No. 12 for Mar-
tinsburg to attend the institution of
a council there Sunday afternoon.

HAS MASON ARRESTED.

George Nunley Accuses Him of Un-
lawfully Carrying a Gun.

James Mason, colored, will have
to answer to the charge of unlawfully
carrying a pistol in Magistrate
Gordon's court Saturday evening at
7 o'clock. He was arrested by Con-
stable Andrew Lyon Friday morning
on a warrant issued at the in-
stance of George Nunley, who ac-
cused him of that offense against
the peace and dignity of the state.
Mason gave bond for his appearance
at the hearing and was released from
custody.

MILLIONAIRE COAL OPERATOR COMES TO MINER'S RESCUE

President Bullitt Travels From
Philadelphia to Parkersburg To
Go On Italian's Bond.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 7.—To
travel hundreds of miles for the
sole purpose of becoming security for
an Italian accused of crime, that the
Jemon skinned foreigner might have
his liberty, is not a common sport
among millionaires. That is what L.
M. Bullitt, president of the Red Rock
Fuel Company, and Philadelphia
capitalist, did yesterday.

He was successful and yesterday
afternoon Jailer Gabbert, on orders
from the marshal's office, set at lib-
erty Rocco Flucco, of sunny Italy,
who was in for boot legging. Presi-
dent Bullitt, of the company, which
employed the Italian, was responsi-
ble for the order. He came prepar-
ed to give bond, and between trains
he adjusted the matter and then re-
turned to the Quaker City.

WALLACE MAN BUYS A STORE

At Fairmont and Will Take Posses-
sion of the Same About
April 1 Next.

J. F. Smith, of Wallace, who has
closed a trade for the shoe store of
E. Trickett, in Fairmont, will not
take possession of the business be-
fore April first. The consideration
involved in the trade is said to be
about \$10,000.

Mr. Smith is an experienced mer-
chant and is now in business at Fol-
som. Mr. Trickett has been doing
business at this stand for about thir-
teen years and has enjoyed a very
profitable business.

LOCAL COAL CONCERNS GET THE LAKE TRADE

Fairmont and Other Coal Companies
in This Region Ship Large
Tonnage of Coal.

BIG SHARE OF LAKE TRADE
Is Enjoyed By These Companies
Whose Product Is Now Famous
the Wide World Over.

One-sixteenth of all the soft coal
transported through the Sault canal
by the lake route during the season
just closed was mined by the Fair-
mont Coal Company and constituent
companies, from their various plants
in this region.

Official information of the lake
shipments, which were closed on
Friday last, are now at hand and it
shows that over six millions of tons
of soft coal were sent over the lakes
this season, during the official open
time, which ran from April 1st to
December 1st. This is an increase
of over a million tons over any pre-
vious season of the same length.

On November 31st the govern-
ment removed its lights along the
lakes and this indicated that the sea-
son was officially closed. It is pos-
sible, however, that daring mariners
will ply those waters until the 15th
of the present month or later, and
for this reason the exact tonnage
cannot be ascertained at this time.

During the official season the Fair-
mont Coal Company sent to the lake
trade about 900,000 tons, which is a
material increase over the business
done in any previous season.

The tonnage of anthracite shipped
to the lakes during the season was
about 1,000,000 tons.

The probable increase of lake
trade during the season just closed
is about 1,000,000 tons.

The products for a gigantic ship-
ment from this region during the
next season are bright. The Fair-
mont Coal Company practically con-
trols its docks and piers on the
Great Lakes and things were never
better reported than at present by
a branch of the local institution,
which handles all of the western out-
put. Private docks are owned both
at Sandusky and Lorain. At Lorain

There was unusual incidents in
this case that led to the trip. Flucco
was arrested a few days ago by
Deputy U. S. Marshal E. D. Hupp in
Upshur county for selling beer to
miners. Flucco was employed at
the Red Rock mines. He was a
very important man there, being in
the capacity of a foreman.

Since there was no one who could
competently assume his place the
work suffered after his arrest and
the matter was reported to the presi-
dent of the company. Mr. Bullitt ar-
ranged to come here at once. He
went on the bond of the Italian,
which had been fixed at five hundred
dollars, and gave him instructions as
to the work.

President Bullitt filed the famous
suit here some time ago of the Red
Rock Fuel Company vs. the B. & O.,
in which he charged the railroad
with discrimination against the com-
pany in the car supply. He is well
known in West Virginia.

STOTLER IS A BANKRUPT

Former Arlington Hotel Keeper
Goes Voluntarily Into Bank-
ruptcy In Federal Court.

A. H. Stotler, owner of the Arling-
ton hotel building, now called the
Fuel City hotel, has entered volun-
tary bankruptcy. There will be a
meeting of his creditors in the law
office of W. Frank Stout, referee, on
December 18.

Mr. Stotler lists his assets at \$14-
581, including the hotel property
which he lists at \$14,000, and gives
a schedule of his liabilities amount-
ing to \$13,368.30.

SPELLING MATCH TONIGHT.

There will be a spelling match at
the Northview school house tonight
at 7:30 o'clock. A silver offering
will be taken at the door for the
purpose of buying additional books
for the school library.

The B. & O. is doubling the capacity
of its piers by increasing the load-
ing and unloading facilities. Pri-
vate docks owned by the Northwest-
ern Company at Milwaukee, Duluth
and Washburn were never in better
shape than at present and the pros-
pects for a big run to the lakes next
season were never better.

While the tonnage to the lakes
represents about 20 per cent of the
entire output of the Fairmont Coal
Company, the officials of the big
local concern are now turning their
attention to other markets now that
the lakes are closed.

A fact not generally known, even
in coal circles, is that the Fairmont
Coal Company is now shipping about
four per cent of all the coal export-
ed from this country. The export
trade has been growing steadily for
the past several years until the
local concern is one of the foremost
in the country in the supply of this
trade.

The marvelous development and
increase in the cement industry over
the country, opening up a demand
for small coal which found but an
indefinite market in the past, has
created a great business in this line
for the local company. Coal that
was in little demand a few years ago
now finds a ready market among the
buyers for this new enterprise and
the Fairmont Coal Company is get-
ting its share of the business.

A large per cent of the coal mined
in the Fairmont region by these
companies is used for the produc-
tion of gas in the big steel and iron
mills in and about Philadelphia. As
an illuminating gas coal the Fair-
mont product is becoming more
popular each year and the increase
of shipments for this purpose is on
the grow each year.

As a by-product coal, a business
that has been originated and built up
during the past five years, the pro-
duct of the Fairmont Coal Company
is most popular and the local con-
cerns are getting a fair share of this
ever growing business.

Judging from a local standpoint,
the outlook for an excellent winter
of the very brightest. The shortage
in coal which has been instigated by
the unusual business conditions and
by the inability of the transportation
companies to handle the production
of the various regions assures the
local region of a winter's work of un-
usual excellence. The mines in the
Fairmont region will run to the full
capacity of the car supply and every
indication is that the Fairmont
mines will guarantee work to all
labor which wishes to locate at the
various plants.

Owing to the great demand for
coke felt in the west the production
is at its height in this region and
every indication now is that the
ovens of this region will be fired for
the greater part of the coming win-
ter.

DIES OF CONSUMPTION.

Dewey Williams, son of Mrs.
Belle Williams, colored, of Mont-
cello avenue, died at 9:15 o'clock
Thursday night after a prolonged ill-
ness with consumption at the age of
five years. The funeral will take
place Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
Services will be held at the house
and burial will follow in Elk View
cemetery.

House Enchanted by A Beautiful Opera

Sweet and Enrapturing Play is Given
At Opera House By the
Marcato Club.

"DR. SYNTAX" A HUGE SUCCESS

Large Audience Highly Delighted by
Splendid Production Given By
Local Ladies and Gentlemen.

The most beautiful and excellently
rendered musical comedy ever given
on the stage of the Grand opera
house by artists or amateurs was pre-
sented to a large and highly enthusi-
astic audience Thursday night when
a company of Clarksburg ladies and
gentlemen produced "Dr. Syntax,"
as the second annual grand perform-
ance of the Marcato Musical Club.

Entrancing.

The play is in itself a sweet and
dainty entertainment, but given as it
was Thursday night by a company
of handsome and charming young
ladies and gentlemen representing
the typical feminine beauty, grace
and culture and the manly pulchri-
tude of our own city which is famed
far and wide, it was something that
carried those who saw it into rap-
tures of delight, into realms of eu-
chantment. No boy ever had more
beautiful dreams of a fairy land
than the experience of all those who
saw this production Thursday night.

The Cast.

The cast was as follows:
Dr. Syntax.....Mr. John Saunders
Prof. Scowles.....Mr. Hal M. Rapp
Lord Lawtenniss.....Mr. S. R. Bentley
Jack Alden.....Mr. Frank Minnis
Arthur Barrington.....Mr. Gus Smith
Bobs.....Mr. Fleming Holden
Meropie Mallow.....

.....Miss Pauline Stewart
Niobe Marsh.....Miss Lois Simmons
Miss Zenobia Tropics.....
.....Mrs. John F. Estill
Psyche.....Mrs. C. E. Lamberg
Pansy.....Miss Roszelle Estill
Sallie.....Miss Bessie Boggess
Circe, leader of chorus.....
.....Miss Lillian Coffman
School Girls in Miss Tropics' Young
Ladies' Seminary:

Miss Gay Estill, Miss Hazel Frost,
Miss Lillian Osborne, Miss Edith
Heinze, Miss Mabel Shinn, Miss Allie
Travers, Miss Martha Bassel, Miss
Lena Bartlett, Miss Jean Salzman,
Miss Lena Rutencautter, Miss Leonie
Creighton.

Hunters and Students.

Messrs. Francois, John and James
Boyle, Boughner and Camp.

The play opens up a woodland
scene near Miss Zenobia Tropics' Aca-
demy. A bevy of girl students
are singing a chorus and Niobe
Marsh, a young orphan who is par-
taking of the charity of the institu-
tion, is introduced in a solo.
She tells a

Story of Cinderella

which is very interesting to the
other girl students. Then Miss
Tropics, the principal of the acad-
emy comes on the scene and in their
proper turn are introduced Dr.
Syntax, an instructor in the acad-
emy who is much infatuated with
Miss Tropics; Lord Lawtenniss, who
with his nephew, Arthur Barrington
and the latter's friend Jack Alden,
are touring America; Prof.
Scowles, a teacher who holds a mort-
gage on the academy and who is

The Cowardly Villain;

Meropie Mallow, Psyche, Pansy and
Sallie, students who are always up
to more or less mischief.

Arthur Barrington while out
hunting finds a slipper belonging to
Miss Niobe. This brings about a
Cinderella kind of an introduction
and he falls in love with her. Jack
becomes smitten with Miss Mallow
and the love affair of Miss Tropics
and Dr. Syntax progress about as
rapidly as those of the others.
Scowles, the villain, also becomes
smitten with Miss Niobe and each
time he endeavors to humiliate and
insult her for repulsing him, he is

Called to Account

by Dr. Syntax, Barrington or Jack.
Catching Niobe and Barrington
making love, Scowles prefers
charges against the young woman
and she is expelled.

Scowles carries his villainy far-
ther and is scheming to foreclose the
mortgage on the academy so he
will have absolute control. All
prepare to go to the boat race of
Harvard and Columbia, but Scowles
locks Miss Mallow, Psyche, Pansy,
Circe and Sallie up in the school
dormitory, but

They are Rescued

by Jack and Dr. Syntax who bring
them down a ladder from a second
story window in time to go to the
boat race. At the boat race Scowles
and Dr. Syntax wager about all they
have on the race with the result
that the villain loses his money and
his prestige with the school.

At that moment Barrington walks
in with Miss Niobe upon his arm
and introduces her as Lady Barrington
to the great delight of all. At



CAMILLE CLIFFORD, MODERN CINDERELLA AND FUTURE
LADY ABERDARE.

Camille Clifford, who recently married the Hon. Henry Lyndhurst Bruce,
son and heir of Lord Aberdare, is sometimes called the modern Cinderella.
Miss Clifford came to the United States five years ago as a steerage passenger
from a Norwegian port, where she had been used as a household drudge by her
husband. She ran away. She was seventeen when she reached Boston, where she
hired out as housemaid, scrubbed steps and did the usual duties of her position.
It was not long before it was discovered that she had both talent and beauty.
She joined an obscure theatrical company, rose rapidly, went to London as the
American "Gibson girl" and became a reigning stage beauty. At the death of
her father-in-law the immigrant girl will become Lady Aberdare.

that time the love affairs of the
others reached a happy culmination
and the story

Ends Happily.

An interesting scene is the third of
act 1 which represents a class room
of Miss Tropics' academy a pretty
vehicle for several witticisms, hu-
morous situations and pretty sing-
ing.

The feature of the opera of
course is the singing. Miss Sim-
mons takes the principal role and
she has a number of solos, duets
and responses which she rendered
with great ability. She has an ex-
cellent voice and one quite musical.
Miss Stewart as Miss Mallow

Charmed Her Auditors

with her singing and several solos
and a duet in which she took part
brought forth generous applause.
Mrs. Estill played a perfect part
and her efforts constituted a great
factor in the excellence of the play.
Mrs. Lamberg as Psyche was fine
and she kept the audience contin-
ually laughing by the funny things
she was required to do in the dif-
ferent scenes. Miss Estill and Miss
Boggess as Pansy and Sallie were
also very good in their parts. Mr.
John Saunders as Dr. Syntax, dem-
onstrated that he is

A Born Actor

and has great histrionic ability.
Mr. Rapp as Prof. Scowles, ren-
dered his part very nicely and won
great admiration with his solo
about Mr. Woodpecker. Sam Bent-
ley, as Lord Lawtenniss had the old
English Lord in Florodora beaten
forty ways and had a grace and po-
lish about his acting that was real
fetching. Prof. Gus Smith as Ar-
thur Barrington made a big hit in
his important role. His singing
was unusually good, and as he has
a magnificent voice

he supported the opera very strongly.
Mr. Minnis as Jack Alden was sim-
ply fine in that part and he too
came in for a share of generous ap-
plause in recognition of his singing
as well as acting. Fleming Holden
as Bobs, Lord Lawtenniss' lackey
didn't say much but he was there
just the same.

Lack of space forbids further in-
dividual mention but suffice to say
that the great success of the opera
lay in the fact that all parts were
strongly represented. There wasn't

A Weak Point

in the whole thing and not a drag,
a slip nor a mistake marred the en-
tire performance. The last scene
was a beautiful one and it was a fit-
ting ending of the play. All of the
cast were on the stage in stunning
and beautiful costumes and the ef-
fect was grand.

The opera was a great success and
Mr. Saunders deserves high praise
and credit for the way in which he
managed and staged it.

A. S. Law returned Friday morn-
ing from a business visit in Salem.

LITTLE GIRL'S BAD TEMPER

Loses Her a Good Home and Hu-
mane Society Must Take Charge
of Her Again.

Local Humane Officer B. Brown
Stout has a little girl in his charge
that has had quite a checkered
career. Five or six years ago a
Weston lady was given the child by
the Humane Society, to raise. She
kept her three or four years and
then surrendered her because of her
high temper, because of which she
could not manage her. Mr. Stout
notified the society, but before the
agent could come after her, another
lady wanted and was given the little
one. She kept her awhile and then
surrendered her to Mr. Stout, be-
cause she could not control her. He
again notified the agent, but in the
meantime another lady wanted the
little girl. She kept her awhile but
later surrendered her. The society
then took charge of the little girl,
but both the lady and the girl fret-
ted so over being separated that the
girl was given back to the lady. She
kept her three months, but Friday
morning again surrendered her to
Mr. Stout, claiming she could no
nothing with her. Mr. Stout has
notified the agent at Fairmont to
come after the little girl. She will
again be taken charge of by the so-
ciety.

PRESIDENT OF THE MILLS VISITS THEM DAY OR SO.

The president of the Phillips Sheet
& Tin Plate Company spent part of
the week here from Pittsburg. His
business was to inspect the splendid
improvements that are being made
at the mills and to look over the
mills and business in general. He
is well pleased with the conduct of
the mills and their success under the
present management.

STUDENTS BURIED UNDER THE WALLS

GOVERNORS STAFF UNDERGOES CHANGES

Colonels Are Promoted to Brigadier
Generals and Two New Colonels
Are Appointed.

Several changes have just been
made in the Governor's staff. James
C. Frazier, of Morgantown, D. E.
Abbott, of Huntington, and Robert
L. Sommerville have been promoted
from the rank of colonel to that of
brigadier general. J. William De-
Grange and Edward O'Toole have
been commissioned colonels. Their
commissions were issued Friday of
the present week.

M'CONNELL IS HELD FOR FEDERAL COURT

To Answer An Indictment For Vi-
olating the Internal Revenue
Laws of the Nation.

Joe McConnell, a young man from
West Union, was brought before
United States Commissioner Thomas
S. Spates Friday morning by United
States Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp,
of Parkersburg, and held for the fed-
eral grand jury here April 16 next
to answer an indictment for violat-
ing the internal revenue laws, if
such be found, giving bond of \$300.

B. & O. LINE PROJECTED AROUND THE ALLEGHENIES

So As To Haul Heavier and Better
Trains and Make Faster Time,
But Old Line Will Remain.

If the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
Company carries out projected
changes it will build a line around
the Alleghenies. At present its
main road between the East and
West crosses the crest of the moun-
tains.

Not only is such a change plan-
ned, but it is stated that it will be
built and that a part of the \$27-
000,000 stock issue will be used for
this purpose. It is proposed to be-
gin the work next spring.

The projected line will start at the
Pinto Tunnel, near Cumberland, and
running past the Six-Mile House, it
will strike a point below Frostburg
and will then go in as straight a
line as possible to Confluence or
Richwood, on the Pittsburg Division.

With Richwood or Confluence as the
second starting point, the road will
pass along a plateau in the Alleghen-
ies to Fairmont. From Fairmont to
Grafton, there is already a line by
which connection will be made with
the Parkersburg division.

By the construction of this new
line the heavy and patch grades will
be avoided and trains twice as large
as those now pulled over the moun-
tain can be hauled, with an enor-
mous saving in cost. The new
road will practically afford a four-
track line from Cumberland to
Grafton. It is not proposed to aban-
don the present line via Oakland and
Deer Park. It will be a supplement-
al line, and both will be in constant
use. The change it is claimed will
greatly facilitate the handling of
heavy freight between the east and
west.